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RUN DOWN IN CALM AND SUN.

COLORADO PUTS OUT THE BOSTON CITY IN THE MAIN CHANNEL.

Wounded Steamship Is Cut Half in Two and Promises to End Her Days Where she Is-Passengers on the St. Louis Had Front Seats at the Performance.

Under a clear sky and in a sea smooth enough to mirror the reflections of their hulls the Colorado and the Boston City. British freight ships, collided yesterday in the main ship channel just off Sandy

The Boston City, outward bound and deep laden, sank in twenty-seven feet of water with a hole twenty feet wide cut half way through her steel hull on the port side just aft of the foremast. The Colorado, with only one of her plates smashed, continued on her way to a Hoboken pier with-

out assistance. No lives were lost, not even that of a green parrot whose owner was working his way across the Atlantic and paying board for himself and bird by wiping dishes for the Boston City's steward.

The American liner St. Louis, bound in. was about half a mile away when the freighters struck. Most of her passengers were at luncheon, but the few who were on deck sent down word that something had happened and all hands came on deck to see the Boston City settling on the mud bank on the west side of the channel. T. W. Ratsey, the sailmaker for British Cup challengers, was aboard the St. Louis. He says he never saw a bigger hole in a ship than that in the Boston City.

The Boston City of the Bristol City Line, in command of Capt. John Carey, left her pier at the foot of West Twenty-sixth street at 10:30 o'clock bound for Bristol, with 2.800 tons of general freight, including 1,000 tons of pig iron stowed forward. She drew 16 feet. The Colorado of the Wilson Line was in command of Capt. G. R. Cox, only partly loaded, and didn't draw more than 13 feet, although she is much the larger of the two ships.

The outward bound vessel was going down on the west side of the ship channel and had almost reached the turn to the east around the Southwest Spit when Capt. Carey, who was on the bridge with First Officer J. W. Winscombe and Pilot G. R. Ronayne, saw the Colorado coming on. The boats were about half a mile apart then, each approaching the turn in the channel. That made their courses almost at right angles.

The Colorado blew one whistle, which

The Colorado blew one whistle, which meant that she would go to the right. The Boston City gave one blast in reply, which signified "all right."

The officers of the Boston City say that the Colorado did not keep to the right, but kept straight ahead at a 12 knot speed toward the west side of the channel instead of rounding the spit close to the east side of the channel.

Capt. Carey tooted the danger signal and backed his engines. He had just got enough sternway to back a few feet onto a mud sternway to back a few feet onto a mud bank when he was struck.

In response to the tooting Capt. Cox re-versed the engines on the Colorado when the vessels were about five ship's lengths apart,

but it was too late.

The Boston City was struck at an angle of about sixty degrees. The stem of the Colorado cut through her decks as far as her longitudinal bulkhead, smashing in the bulkhead aft of No. 2 hatch, wrecking the bridge and carrying away the wheelhouse.

Capt Carey, his first and second officers and Pilot Ronayne had to jump from the bridget avoid the intruding steel prow. The but it was too late. bridge to avoid the intruding steel prow. The Boston was hard and fast on the bottom

n a minute or two. in a minute or two.

George Joseph, the bo's'n, got excited and jumped overboard. He explained afterward that there was no plug in a life boat that had been lowered and that he was going over the side to remedy that when he slipped and fell. Later, he said he went over because he feared that the boilers would blow up.

The Colorada backed out of the twenty

The Colorado backed out of the twenty The Colorado backed out of the twenty foot gap she had opened in the side of the smaller ship, and stood by for an hour or more. Her boat took off Capt. Carey and sixteen of the twenty-four men of the Boston City's crew. The sea was as placid

as a millpond.

Capt. Carey was put ashore at Staten Island, telephoned for wrecking tugs and returned to his ship. She is probably a total loss, but an attempt will be made to save the cargo. The forehold didn't contain much of anything but the pig The afterhold is supposed to be dry The ship is about eight feet out of water Amidships the main deck is awash. The

engine and boiler rooms are flooded.

The mysteries of this channel inciden which nobody could or would explain were how could one steel vessel, almos light, crash half-way through another steel vessel, loaded with pig iron; and come away with only one plate broken, and why should the vessels have collided

Capt. Carey says he had the right of ay for two reasons—first, he was outward bound on an ebb tide and, secondly the Colorado had been the first to whistl that she was going to starboard and should have done so. The officers of the Boston City, which was going about ten knots when she was first signalled, think that the steering gear of the Colorado got jammed or that her commander miscalculated the

force of the tide. Capt. Cox of the Colorado was asked: "What caused you to run into the Boston

You mean," he replied, "why did the Boston City run into me. But I'll keep my mouth shut." my mouth shut."
The liner St. Louis was held up for an hour or more until the Colorado got out

didn't see the vessels strike," said Capt. Jamison of the American line, said:

Another officer on the St. Louis said

The Colorado seemed to be impelled in spite of herself against the other ship."

DOG BITES SERGT. DEVERY. Court-Martial Goes Against the Dog and

He Meets a Soldier's Death. A big mastiff that was awaiting a claimant at the West 100th street police station bit Sergt. Andy Devery's hand last evening and bit it good and hard. The dog is dead now.

The dog was found partly asphyxiated by Policeman Merz on Friday morning in the canalboat William Bradley at the foot of West 100th street. The captain of the boat, Otto Carlsen, and a man named Kerrigan were taken out of the cabin at the same time, dying. They had been over-

come by coal gas.

The dog looked valuable to the police and he was put in a cell to be doctored. Last night Devery went into the cell to give him his supper, closing the door after him. The dog sprang at the sergeant and buried his teeth in his hand. Devery kicked him of and lest no time in getting

aim off and lost no time in getting afe side of the door.
he had had the bite cauterized a of war decided that the dog ought without waiting for the Bergh so-

Sergt. Gallagher, who had the desk, ordered the best three shots on reserve to poke their guns through the door bars and blaze away. The first volley did the work.

MRS. MAYBRICK NOT FOUND. Must Remain in Retirement Under the

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 1.-The conditions of the release of Mrs. Florence Maybrick from her punishment of life imprisonment for the alleged poisoning of her husband are such that she is still inaccessible. Her whereabouts are unknown to the newspapers this morning.

Terms of Her Release.

The Telegraph asserts that she is actually in a refuge home where female prisoners usually pass the last nine months of their sentence. This home is said to be in Cornwall, and she will be released in two or three months.

The Daily Mail says it is informed that she has been actually released, though for the present she is in a home. The conditions of her release, according to the Mail, are that she will not appear upon a public stage, that she will not write a book on her experiences and that she will in no way endeavor to attract public attention to herself.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 31.-Mrs. Sallie C. Stanard, who is an aunt of Mrs. Maybrick, gives out the following interview:

"I heard from Baroness von Roque, the mother of Mrs. Maybrick, a month ago. She stated that her daughter would positively be released from prison the 1st of April. We have heard nothing since.

"In reference to her coming to Mobile you can say that immediately on her release she will come to New York and from there will go to Virginia where she has some land in litigation which was left to her by her grandfather, Mr. Holbrook. She will not return to Mobile.

ALL WOULD HONOR ELIHU ROOT. Revival of the Report That He'll Be Drafted to Run for Governor.

Elihu Root returns from Washington to-day after an absence of over four years as Secretary of War. On Wednesday night a dinner in his honor is to be given by his oldest friends in the Union League Club. Mr. Root is to be a delegate to the Republican national convention at Chicago

and President Roosevelt, it was said last night by influential Republicans, would like Mr. Root either to make the nominating speech for him in the convention or to be come either temporary or permanent chairman of the convention. A number of months ago Senator Platt and other Republicans said that Mr. Root would make a most excellent candidate for Governor. to be nominated next fall, but Mr. Root put a quietus upon that. Next President Roosevelt, it was announced in high quarters, wanted Mr. Root to become chairman of the Republican national committee to succeed Senator Hanna, and Mr. Root, it was said, made it clear that his one desire was to resume his law business.

Last night the original report that the Republicans would draft Mr. Root to be their candidate for Governor was again heard, coupled with the hope that eventually Mr. Root would be their candidate for President.

YOUNG COASTER BADLY HURT. Roundsman McMahon's Son Hit by Two Sleds on a Bronx Hill.

Joseph McMahon, Jr., 11 years old, of 884 Prospect avenue, The Bronx, whose father is a police roundsman, was sledding on the hill at John street and St. Ann's avenue yesterday afternoon, when, half way down, he fell off his sled. struck by another sled on which a boy was coasting in "bellybuster" fashion. The sharp points of this sled hit young McMahon in the face, injuring his right eye and also

inflicting a serious scalp wound. A third sled then crashed into the first two. In that way young McMahon got a broken jaw and two broken ribs. A big bobsled on which there was a crowd of boys narrowly missed striking him as it

Policeman Everett picked up the injured boy and rushed with him in his arms to the Morrisania station at the foot of the hill. Sitting at the desk, acting as sergeant,

was the boy's father. An ambulance was summoned from the Lebanon Hospital and the boy was hurried there. The doctors say his condition is

The police rounded up the sledders, but were unable to learn the names of those concerned in the accident and made no

DOD, MAN, AMERICA'S TOO BIG.

Back to the Kallyard Gaes Jamie fra' Glesea-Hame He Fain Wad He. James Ritchie, a Scotchman, who has

spent nearly all his thirty years of life on his father's farm, nine miles from Glasgow, got his first glimpse of a great city on Friday afternoon as he came up the bay aboard the Allan-State Line steamship Corinthian, fra' Glesca. He was dazzled by the monumental proportions of things and went to the Star Hotel in Clarkson street in an intellectual maze. He had a prepaid ticket to Winnipeg, Manitoba, and money and instructions from his thrifty father to buy a farm there. When he learned that Winnipeg wasn't on any trolley line near New York, but several days away by train, he decided that he wouldn't make the journey. The bigness of New York and the big-

ness of the continental suburbs appalled the young farmer. He told the hotel clerk that it was "no use"; he could never get accustomed to things in a country so much

customed to things in a country so much larger than Scotland.

"I'll ne'er make oot," he said. "I'm fer hame—east or west, hame is best."

On Saturday morning Ritchie got a berth aboard the Anchor liner Ethiopia, which sailed at noon for Glasgow, and he wil resume work on his father's farm.

KILLED IN A MINE SHAFT. Five Men Lose Their Lives by an Explosi

While They Were Coming Up. MAHANOY CITY, Pa., Jan. 31.-Five rockmen met death by an explosion of dynamite at the Maple Hill colliery near here just before midnight last night. They were returning in a steel bucket to the mouth of a new shaft which they were engaged in driving. Their bodies dropped back into the pit, a distance of more than 300

All five were employed in the night shift and had charge of the drilling and blasting. They had propped and charged six holes at the bottom of the shaft with thirty pounds of dynamite and were being hoisted to the of dynamite and were being hosted to the surface to explode it by an electric current from the engine room. As the bucket neared the mouth a surplus quantity of dynamite that they had taken down in a former trip to blast in some manner ex-ploded, possibly through a jarring of the

bucket.

The men were hurled upward, their bodies striking the side timbers. Then they fell back into the pit.

RUSSIA WITHBOLDS

UNEXPLAINED DELAY IN SEND-ING REPLY TO JAPAN.

Ministers at Tokio Have an Eight-Hour Session-Report That Ocean Liners Are Being Fitted Out as Auxiliary Warships-Russians at Yalu River.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 1.-The transmission of Russia's reply to Tokio is still delayed, and it may not be sent for some days if Japan has reason to believe that an exension of time will enable Russia to make ner reply more satisfactory as regards Manchuria. The Japanese Legation here has received no news of the situation.

Some of the correspondents in Japan cable that the belief still prevails that Russia's attitude will make the preservation of peace impossible. The Ministers sat at Tokio for nearly eight hours on Saturday. Director Farnichi of the Corean Railway sailed from Kobe for Fusan on Sunday with 40 civil engineers.

A despatch to the Telegraph from Tokio says that the report is confirmed that seven Russian regiments are moving toward the Yalu River to occupy Antung and other places, some of which are on the south bank of the river. Some detachments are already there. The correspondent adds it is felt that the present is an excellent ecasion for England to assist Japan by English bankers helping to float a war

A Pekin despatch says that Sir Robert Hart, Director of the Chinese Maritime Customs, has appointed Mr. Gilchrist, a British subject, to succeed M. Valoff, a Russian, in the control of the custom house at Newchwang.

The Ernress brings by way of Shanghai messages from Kobe, dated Jan. 26, which the censor at Kobe suppressed. These state that the sailings of all outgoing Japanese line steamers for Europe and America have been suspended, and that some of the steamers have been fitted with 8-inch guns.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Telegraph says that Russia's reply, which will reach Tokio on Tuesday or Wednesday. will not contain the concessions regarded by Japan as essential to the settlement of the Manchurian question. The belief that diplomacy has failed and that it is poweress to accomplieh more is gaining ground. The correspondent declares that the responsibility for the consequences will be laid at the door of Japan, which insists upon proposals calculated to defeat Russia's legitimate aims and to wound her selfrespect.

A despatch from St. Petersburg, dated Jan. 29, says that in the event of war it is understood that Gen. Kuropatkin, Minister of War, will command all the land forces. Merchandise traffic on the Siberian Rail-Feb. 2 in order to leave the line free for the transportation of troops and military stores to the Far East.

The Russian newspapers have again adopted a warlike tone, especially in regard to Manchuria. The Novoe Vremya declares that Manchuria is indispensable to Russia for the effective defence of her frontiers facing Corea and China. Manchuria, it adds, constitutes the finale of

it voluntarily. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 .- The State partment had a telegram to-day from Mr. Griscom, the United States Minister at Tokio, in which he said that the Japanese Government was waiting anxiously for the Russian response to the last Japanese note and expected that it would be delivered in the first half of this week. Beyond this the Department received no information bearing on the Far Eastern

An optimistic feeling prevails, however n official circles, although it is declared that nothing definite has come to the Government from any source to indicate the character of the Russian reply. THE SUN'S London cable, printed to-day, saying that Russia would make the concessions desired by Japan, was read with great interest in Government circles and helped to bolster up the hopeful feeling that peace would be maintained.

BATTALION CHIEFS MOVED. Larkin and Martin Are Made Acting Deputy Chiefs.

Fire Commissioner Hayes made on Saturday several transfers of battalion chiefs and other changes which will go into effect to-day. These battalion chiefs were

shifted: Chief Thomas Larkin of the First trans ferred to the Fourth and made acting

deputy chief of the First district. Chief John Home sent to the First; Chief Sloane from the Second to the Eleventh;

Chief Gray from the Seventeenth to the Chief Joseph B. Martin of the Ninth made acting deputy chief of the Third dis-trict; Chief George Farrell of the Eleventh assigned to take charge of the school of instruction. This is the first time a batalion chief has been put in charge of the

Foreman Mike Fitzgerald, who has had

Foreman Mike Fitzgerald, who has had charge of the school of instruction, was sent to Engine 54.

Foremen John Farrell of Engine 134 and James Langan of Truck 64 were assigned as acting battalion chiefs of the Thirty-fourth and Thirtieth districts.

It was decided to send Battalion Chief Root to Brooklyn and bring Chief Maher over here. The order for the transfer was all ready, but it was rescinded

A number of foremen and assistant foremen were transferred. nen were transferred.

HURT STOPPING A RUNAWAY. Policeman Hopkins Badly Injured, but Stuck to the Chase for a Mile.

Policeman William H. Hopkins of the Bronx Park station was badly injured in stopping a runaway horse yesterday afternoon. The horse was attached to a sleigh in which were the three Misses Kane of 2407 Seventh avenue. On Webster avenue the runners caught the trolley tracks and the sleigh was upset, throwing

the young women out.

The horse dashed up Webster avenue and at Decatur street Hopkins tried to stop him, but was knocked down. The horse

and sleigh passed over him.

Hopkins jumped to his feet, climbed into a passing sleigh and chased the runaway, which was finally overtaken at Jerome avenue nearly a mile away.

Hopkins it was found had sustained internal injuries and was taken to his home His condition is said to be critical. None of the young women was hurt. The horse and sleigh they said was a Christ-mas gift from their father.

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LET-UP ON POOLROOMS? Gamblers Get the Tip That Police Watchfulness Will Relax To-day.

Gossip last night in the places where gamblers gather was that the police siege of the poolrooms and gambling houses would be raised to-day. The poolroom men were responsible for this story, but no other confirmation could be obtained. At the Tenderloin station Capt. Burfeind declared he had given no instructions to his men to relax their watchfulness.

In the past week there has been a gradual letting down of the police bars and many of the poolrooms that were closed have reopened. The police guards are still on duty, but many of them seem to have poor eyesight. All these detailed men are required to hand in reports of the number of men who enter a suspected place. Some of these watchers have been seen to writ their reports before they left the police

A man who has an interest in a Tenderloin poolroom said last night:

"The word has been passed around to open up again and it comes from a plain clothes sleuth who always knows what he is talking about. That is good enough for the men interested in the game."

HIRED BABIES PINCHED

So They'll Cry and Make Folks Give Up Money to Women Who Carry Them.

Somebody sent word to the Bedford avenue police station in Brooklyn on Saturday night that a woman organ grinder on Broadway was pinching a baby she had with her so as to make it cry and arouse the sympathy of persons passing by. A cop went out and arrested her.

She said she was Mrs. Felice Lawrence 35 years old, of 300 Third street, Hoboken. When she was taken before Magistrate Higginbotham yesterday morning she protested that the baby was her own and that she had not maltreated it. The Magistrate let her go, notwithstanding the request of an agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, who asked to have her remanded till he could investigate the

This agent said that a gang of women panhandlers were working Williamsburg, and that their scheme was to hire babies, which they carried around with them on their organ grinding trips. He also said that the women pinched the babies so as to nake them cry.

Magistrate Higginbotham offered to cooperate with the S. P. C. C. in breaking up this practice.

A BARREL, A HILL, A SPRY THIEF. The Combination That a Mounted Cop Found Hard to Beat-He Won.

Mounted Policeman Cotter of the Tremont station sat astride of his horse at 170th street and Boston road on Saturday night. Rolling down the steep hill in front way will be provisionally suspended on of him came a barrel followed by a man making frantic efforts to check it.

Cotter spurred out into the roadway. "Hi, there!" he shouted. "Where y

"Give it up," said the man, giving the speeding barrel a kick on the off end. Before the horse could jump aside the barrel struck it, knocked the animal over and

threw its rider. The barrel rolled on to the foot of the hill Russia's advance eastward. None but and the horse ran away. Cotter grabbed simpletons imagine that she will abandon | the man, took him to the barrel, made him roll it up hill, and then arrested him for rying to steal the flour it contained. The prisoner said that he was Bernard Hanlon. After Cotter got his horse he took his prisoner to the station. In court yesterday Hanlon was held for trial.

ELIZABETH HARRISON ILL. Seven-Year-Old Daughter of the Late

President Has an Attack of Measles. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 31.-Elizabeth, the even-year-old daughter of the late President Benjamin Harrison, is seriously ill at the North Delaware street residence of the mother, with measles, which is epidemic in the city. The disease is supposed to have

been contracted at school and as the weather s very changeable every precaution is being aken to prevent the sudden changes from njuriously affecting the patient. The child was born after Gen. Harrison had drawn his will, but he had made provision for her, though it seems that no disposition of the \$125,000, which was bequeathed to her when she should reach a

legal majority was provided in case of her death, and there has been some speculation as to who, under the will, would inherit it, her mother or Russell B. Harrison and Mrs. McKee, the children by the first Mrs. Harrison. PENFIELD TO QUIT THE RACE? Administration Candidate for Governor

in Indiana May Withdraw. Indianapolis, Jan. 31.-A report was current here to-day that Judge William L. Penfield, Solicitor of the State Department at Washington, who recently announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor, has reconsidered his determination and will give notice in a few days of his withdrawal from the race. Judge Penfield was supposed to have entered the race as the representative of the President, and the friends of the lat-ter in Indiana hailed him as such, while he friends of Senator Hanna were inclined o resent the injection of national politics nto State political affairs.

what has led to the change in Judge Penfield's plans, if a change has occurred, cannot be even guessed at here, unless it is that he has found the Hanna sentiment bellicose and does not care to make a test of it in the convention.

J. H. DICKERSON MISSING.

Wealthy Michigan Man May Have Been Drowned Near Pensacola, Fla.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Jan. 31.-J. H. Dickerson, a wealthy resident of Battle Creek Mich., who has been making his winter home here for many years, is missing and it is feared that he has been drowned or lost at sea. Several months ago he purchased 3,000 acres of land at Backwater Bay, thirty miles from here, for a winter home. He has been staying there of late, coming to the city in his yacht Maggie, a small sailing boat. On Jan. 17 he left Backwater Bay to come here and hasn't been seen since, nor has any one seen his boat. The day was rough and Mr. Dickerson was advised not to start. It is feared that

he has been either blown to sea or that his boat foundered. His son is on the way here to make a search for his father. Stock Exchange Firm to Dis The Stock Exchange firm of Peters & Van Deusen at 74 Broadway, is soon to be dissolved. Daniel S. Peters, who is a member of the Exchange, said last night that his ill health is the principal reason. The other member of the firm is Frank M. Van Deusen.

SMOKE KILLS TWO FIREMEN

THEY AND MANY OTHERS OVER-COME AT GREENPOINT.

Fourteen in the Hospitals, of Whom Three May Not Recover-First Men In Dragged Out of Building Unconscious -Last Rites for One of the Dying.

Two firemen were killed and fourteen were taken to hospitals at a fire in the American Manufacturing Company's factory at the foot of Noble street, Greenpoint, last Of the men in the hospitals three may

die. One of them is Battalion Chief McCarthy of District 26. William Rogers, battalion chief of District 25, is also in the hospital, but is not so badly off as McCarthy. Besides Battalion Chief McCarthy, the firemen in the hospital who may die are John McAllister and Michael Mahoney. This is a list of the dead and the injured

THE DEAD.

DRISSEL, CRRISTOPHER, Engine 138. RENK, ARTHUR, Engine 138. THE INJURED. Battallon Chief CHARLES MCCARTHY.

Battallon Chief WILLIAM ROGERS. Lieut. WILLIAM RABB, Engine 138. DEMPSEY, JOHN, Engine 138. GAPFNEY, PETER, Engine 138. HERMON, FRANK, Engine 115. JENNINGS, CHARLES, Engine 121. MCCONNAUGHTY, JAMES, Engine 115. MCALLISTER, John, Engine 138. MEADOW, CHARLES, Engine 115. QUICK, WILLIAM, Engine 115. RUSSELL, CHARLES, Engine 138. RUSH, EMIL, Engine 138. WESTREICH, JOHN, Engine 115.

The property damage was small, not over \$10,000, but the firemen had a stubborn fight in getting the flames under control, because the smoke was so overpowering hat they had to work in relays. The

building was filled with jute. The fire was discovered at about 9 o'clock by the watchman, Thomas O'Hara. He had gone through the building, which was of brick, three stories high and covered an area of 250 square feet, about twenty minutes earlier. He was going into another building nearby when he saw smoke coming from the second floor.

The first engines to arrive in respon to the alarm O'Hara sent in were 115 and 138 and with them came Truck 56. The fire had made considerable headway then and thick clouds of smoke were pouring from the windows.

Battalion Chief McCarthy of District 26 led the crews of the two engines and the truck into the building. One by one these men, overpowered by

the smoke, fell. When the engines arrived on the second, third and fourth alarms, which were quickly sounded, the men had to jump in and rescue their disabled com-Practically the entire crews of Engines 115

and 138 were overcome. As they were dragged out of the building they were carried across the street and laid on the floor of the engine room of a building. Physicians who had been summoned from the St. Catherine, Eastern District, Bushwick and Cumberland Street hospitals

were on hand to care for the disabled The doctors had trouble in reviving most of the men, whose lungs had been choked with smoke Despite the efforts of the doctors, Fireman

McGronen gave him the last rites of his Church. For a brief moment the doctors and others engaged in the work of resuscitation removed their hats while the priest prayed. There were a number of cases of fire-

men partly overcome, but they were quickly attended to. Fifteen men were taken to the hospitals. Arthur Renk died in St. Catherine's Hospital. Battalion Chief McCarthy stayed to the

last with the men he had led into the building, but he too finally succumbed and was taken to the hospital.

The fire was under control at midnight. HARD FIGHTING IN URUGUAY. Two Strong Parties of Rebels Marching

on the Capital. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 1.-A despatch to the Times from Montevideo says that the situa-

tion is very critical. The Government suppresses all news but it is reported that there has been sharp fighting between the insurgents and Government forces at San Ramon and San

Two strong columns a readvancing toward the capital. The bulk of the Government troops are behind them.

The Government has arrested several prominent Nationalists. Several battalions of the National Guard have been sent to the interior. Two battalions of police also have been despatched, leaving the city with no police.

HER HAIR BURNED OFF.

Alcohol Lamp Sets Fire to Mrs. Daniels's

Dressing Gown. Mrs. Louise Daniels, a widow, living in an apartment at 35 West Sixty-first street lost her hair while dressing last night for dinner. She was alone, her maid having gone out. An alcohol lamp set fire to light gown she wore. Covering herself with bedclothing Mrs. Daniels smothered he fire, but not until her hair had been nearly burned off. The fire spread to the ped. Some one telephoned to the police and two fire engines were sent around. The flames had all been extinguished before the firemen arrived. Mrs. Daniels was slightly burned about the arms and

various departments of Zion City have had a reduction in wages. A scarcity of work is given as the cause, the officials desiring to keep as many persons as possible employed rather than reduce the payroll by wholesale discharges. Lack of employ ment, it is said, has caused many families to move away from the town.

Killed by a Falling Tree.

WESTBORO, Mass., Jan. 31.-Albert B. Ward, president of the New England Milk Producers' Union for three years and credited with winning the fight to abolish the surplus clause in the great milk war against the Boston contractors in April, 1891, was struck by a falling tree yesterday and killed instantly.

OPERATION ON W. C. WHITNEY ..

Surgeon's Knife Used for Appendicitis-Mr. Whitney Doing Well.

formed on William C. Whitney on Saturday night at his home, 871 Fifth avenue.

It was said at the house last night that Mr. Whitney stood the operation

Mr. Whitney became ill on Friday and had great pain that night.

The sickness was diagnosed as appendicitis on Saturday and an immediate opera-

Dr. Bull went out of town yesterday to perform another operation and left Dr. John B. Walker in charge of Mr. Whitney's

CUBANS INSULT OUR FLAG. Outrage at Clenfuegos Due to Feeling

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN HAVANA, Jan. 31 .- A private report from Cienfuegos states that the American flag at the Consulate there was covered with manure last night. The outrage is supposed to have been due to an adverse report on the political situation there made by Minister Squiers and based on information

eral here, knows nothing of the matter.

THIRTY DEAD IN A DESERT.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 31.-Thirty dead podies have been found near "Dead Man's Well," in the centre of the Nevada Desert, by an advance party of surveyors who are laying out the route for Senator W. A. Clark's railroad.

They were all laborers who had tried to cross the desert and had perished in the attempt.

RESCUED FROM NIAGARA FALLS. Man and Boy on a Cake of Ice That Broke

Murty, 14 years old, of 434 Cedar avenue his city, owes his life to a misfortune that happened to an electrician of the name of Cromley this afternoon. Both were enjoving the winter scenery below the American Falls. Cromley was on the ice bridge, when a piece broke away, swinging him

out in the current above the bridge. Just then Murty came coasting down the ice mountain on skates. He was under such headway that he plunged into the river in front of the floating ice on which Cromley was sailing away. Cromley managed to reach him and pull him onto the cake of ice. Men quickly threw a rope to Cromley, who tied it about Murty and he was Christopher Drissel of Engine 138 died. Drissel was a Catholic and Chaplain Hundreds witnessed the incident, and the

rescuers were cheered.

Miss Ireland, Who Was One of the First to Contract the Disease in Ithaca, Is Dead. ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 31.—One of the sad dest chapters in the history of the typhoid

Just a year ago, at the very beginning of the epidemic, she was stricken with the disease and had been sick ever since, making her case one of the most remarkable in medical records. She had suffered every possible complication, had been de lirious for weeks at a time, and yet had clung to life, and day after day puzzled the physicians by her wonderful vitality. A hundred times her death had been pre dicted, yet a few days ago she was thought to be on the road to recovery. Yesterday

LET THE 12TH DISTRICT SLIDE? F. N. Goddard Reports Such an Inclinatio

Among Republicans. The Republican convention in the Twelfth Congress district is to be held on Thursday night, and at a conference of district leaders held a few nights ago, a number of Re publicans were mentioned as possible candilates. The last Republican candidate polled only 7,000 votes. F. Norton Goddard says there is a strong sentiment

"Personally," said Capt. Goddard, "I fee

o name a candidate. Bourke Cockran is the Tammany can-

THE RUSSIAN BEAR A MOTHER.

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ditional one-alighted at the New York Zoological Garden in The Bronx yesterday. Now Mme. Katchka, the big Russian bear, is the mother of two of the finest, chubby, little cubs that ever rolled. Preparations had been made for a female

setter dog to act as nurse for the cubs, as little bears born in captivity are usually abandoned by their mamas. To the surprise of the keepers, however, Mme. Katchka showed an immediate fondness for her offspring and the zoological Gerry society

The youngsters, according to the keepers won't get their eyes open till spring.

Woman Killed After an Attempt to Whip Her-Murderer Put in Jail. PIKEVILLE, Ky., Jan. 31.--John Eastep

lodged in jail here to-day, is in danger of being lynched, and a guard has been placed about the jail by Sheriff Miller to-night. about the jail by Sheriff Miller to-night.
Eastep, in company with several friends,
said to be a part of the Whitecap band
operating in this part of the country, went
to the home of Mrs. Sallie Venover last
night and attempted to whip her. The
woman was killed by a bullet fired by Eastep,
who, it is alleged, owed her \$50, and who
had been told to leave her house if he could
not pay his rent.

PRICE TWO CENTS. KING TO REFORM THE ARMY.

ADOPTS PLAN WITHOUT WAITING FOR PARLIAMENT'S APPROVAL.

Will Appoint Council Similar to Admiralty Board and Abelish Office of Commander-in-Chief-Inspector-General to Be

Named-Probably Not Earl Roberts. Special Cable Despatches to TER SUN. LONDON, Jan. 31.—Sweeping changes in the British War Office are announced officially to-night. The Government has issued a blue book containing the report of the War Office Reconstitution Committee,

Board of Admiralty. The council will be created by royal patent, and under it the office of Comm in-Chief will cease to exist. In place of this officer an Inspector-General of the army will be appointed, whose chief duty will be

The report covers all departments of the War Office organization. It is the result of three months deliberations by three members, Viscount Esher representing the civil administration, Col. Sir George S. Clarke representing the army and Admiral Sir John Fisher representing the navy. Surprise is expressed that the report

is adopted as a complete operative scheme

without awaiting the indorsement of Parliament. The appointment of an army

allowing him to perform the duties of the first Inspector-General. LONDON, Feb. 1.-All the morning newspapers give the utmost prominence to the report and its recommendations, the subject ousting from the leading place the

taken by any British Government in a century. There will be a complete change in the personnel of the War Office immediately. Some writers welcome the report as an

carrying out his programme of reform. The committee's report says: "We attach special importance to the immediate appointment of military members who have not hitherto been closely connected with existing methods, and who are therefore not likely to be embarrassed by traditions

changed." In regard to the Commander-in-Chief the committee write: "It is imperative to abolish the office. We urge the divorce of the administrative from the executive command, and the decentralization of the

Man and Woman Under Arrest, the Police Say, Helped Gang in Big Hauls.

In the arrest yesterday at 103 Third avenue of Joseph Schesero and a voung woman who save she is his wife the police are co fident that they have captured two of the principal members of a gang of clever Italian thieves who for some time past have been operating with much boldness and success among wholesale dry goods

houses in the clothing district have been unduly numerous of late, and the band of Italians of which Schesero is thought to be a leader is suspected of being largely responsible for these thefts. The stolen lots vary in value from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Schesero is charged with stealing a truckload of silks valued at \$2,500 from I. &. M. Phillips of 10 West Eighteenth street a week

police say.

The police also say that Schesero had some connection with a recent robbery of merchandise worth about \$5,000 from a

Mayor Mansfield of Oswego Sued by the Sweetheart of His College Days.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Jan. 31.-Mayor James S Mansfield of this city is the defendant in an action brought by Miss Margaret Sweeney of Brooklyn for \$15,000 for alleged breach of promise of marriage. The papers in the suit were served sometime ago and much surprise was manifested when it was announced that the action would be tried in the Supreme Court of

New Brunswick, N. J., and after his graduation from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York became a practising physician in this city. While attending college Dr. Mansfield met Miss Sweeney, and the young medical student became a frequent visitor at her home. It is alleged that Dr. Mansfield promised to marry Miss Sweeney soon after his graduation, but their engagement was of short duration.
Within a few months after coming to this
city Dr. Mansfield met Miss May Morrisey, a member of a prominent family, and they were married in October, 1900. On his return from his wedding trip the papers in the suit were served, but no answer was filed and the grounds of the suit never

became public.

Dr. Mansfield is prominent in society, and was elected Mayor ast fall by an over-

Fifty Bribery Indictments in Milwaukee. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 31.-Milwaukee county's Grand Jury wound up its work yesterday with eleven more indictments. Seven arrests were made. This completes a total of fifty indictments by the jury in its sessions, which have extended over the larger part of two months.

The office of the Seaboard Air Line Rallway, all information cheerfully furnished about the delightful resorts in Florida. Short line, short time. Earliest arrival.—Adv.

Wages Reduced in Zion City. CHICAGO, Jan. 31.-Workers in the

Unusually attractive and exceedingly interesting is the February Four-Track News. Five cents at newsdealers.—Adv.

An operation for appendicitis was per-

well and was doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Dr. William T. Bull performed the opera-

tion was decided on.

Against the Consul There.

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Mr. Steinhart, the American Consul-Gen-

Found by a Party of Surveyors for Senator Clark's Railroad.

Away From the Ice Bridge. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 31.-Edward

SICK A YEAR WITH TYPHOID.

fever epidemic which visited Ithaca last year was closed to-day by the death at the City Hospital of Miss Leona Ireland.

she ate quite heartily, thus causing a hemor rhage which ended her sufferings.

among the leaders in favor of allowing the election to go by default. hat it would only mean an unnecessary expenditure of money for the Republicans

Great Rejoicing in The Bronx Over Mme Katchka's Two Cubs. The stork-not a real one, but the tra-

lost a case.

SHOT BY WHITECAP LEADER.

with an accompaning declaration that the King has approved the report, and that in ecordance with its recommendations the Government has decided to appoint an army council on the lines of the present

to report on the efficiency of the forces

for home defence.

council and the abolition of the post of Commander-in-Chief by royal patent point to the King's personal action in the matter. The report does not mention the names of the members of the new council. It is doubtful if the health of Earl Roberts, the present Commander-in-Chief, is equal to

Russo-Japanese dispute and the release of Mrs. Maybrick. The Morning Post declares that no more important administrative decision has been

indication that the new Secretary of State for War, H. O. Arnold-Forster, is really

of a system which is to be radically

SILK THIEVES CAUGHT.

and other downtown mercantile houses Thefts of expensive silks from importing

ago yesterday. Part of the silks were recovered, the detectives sav, in the rooms of the couple, and the woman was charged with receiving stolen goods. Both were held in the Tombs court for examination to-day. Schesero and another Italian concealed themselves in the premises in the Phillips loft in the daytime and carted he goods away early in the morning, the

firm in lower Fourth avenue. They say that they have positive evidence to connect him with this and other crimes of the same

FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

Westchester county next week Mayor Mansfield is a former resident of

whelming majority. He refused to discuss the affair to-day, but intimated that the action was brought for the purpose of obtaining money from him and would be settled in the courts.

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